

--- Toronto Division - "BOXES" - Black - Vertical 60 x 112 mm. - 1874-80 ---

Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, May 2002

"The CADDY excise stamp was redesigned in 1871, with the first delivery by BABN occurring at the end of July. ... New BOXES stamps were added later in red (pre-October 1873) and in black (post-October 1873). Initially and predominantly, these new upright rectangular stamps were printed from steel plates, with some later production by lithographic transfers. In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubber stamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used."

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"Passage of the 1880 Statute affected the 'large' tobacco stamps in two significant ways. The first effect was the deletion of the reference on the stamps to the previous Statute **XXXI VICT. - CAP. VIII**. On July 1st 1880, BABN was instructed by the Revenue Department to remove all references to the old Statute from the existing printing plates. ... The second effect was the overprinting of the BOXES stamps with the new weight limit of **one hundred and ten pounds**. ... The timing of this overprinting, which is known reading both up and down in different type faces and colours, has not yet been determined by this writer. Lee Brandom lists a red BOXES stamp with **XXXI VICT. - CAP. VIII** removed, and without the weight restriction added. However, the price quoted by Brandom for this stamp indicates that he thought it to be a very rare item. This extreme scarcity is perhaps an indication that the decision to overprint the weight limit was made soon after the new design of BOXES stamp... ."

The catalogue lists the 1874-1880 vertical Toronto black "BOXES" stamps as follows:

RM-174 - BOXES, black, Toronto, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 5 mm. controls, inscribed *J. Morrow*
RM-219 - BOXES, black, Toronto, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 5 mm. controls, inscribed *J. Morrow*,
overprinted **Not to cover more than 110 lbs.**

2nd BABN Contract (1873-1878)

John McKay records that 35,000 *recess printed* copies of "Black Boxes" were delivered. It would seem, from the extant copies of the "Toronto" Division, that most (if not all) of these were for "Montreal".

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)

John McKay further records that another 15,000 *recess printed* "Black Boxes" were delivered.

--- Toronto Division - Black - "BOXES" - 1874 ---

--- RM-174n - recess printed on block wmkd horizontal mesh thick wove - without control numbering ---

--- 60 x 112 mm. - perf 12 - J. Morrow / Collector I. R - scanned at 75% scale ---

The collection *does not* contain a control-numbered copy of RM-174.



★RM-174 TP - BOXES, black, Toronto, perf 12, *without* control numbering, on block wmkd horizontal mesh thick wove - inscribed J. Morrow / Collector I. R.

Chris Ryan reports that *John Morrow* was the *Primary Collector* at Toronto from March 1st 1875 until November 30th 1880, when *W.C. Stratton* was named to the post.

--- control numbered copies recorded to date ---

RM-171 - Montreal, black, perf 12, on block wmkd wove - Dunbar Browne	- 01787 to 01986
RM-217 - Montreal, black, perf 12, on block wmkd wove - stamped J.L. Vincent / Coll. overprinted Not to cover more than 110 lbs.	- 14298 to 14368
RM-216 - Montreal, black, perf 12, on block wmkd wove - Dunbar Browne overprinted Not to cover more than 110 lbs.	- 20014 to 20084
RM-174 - Toronto, black, perf 12, on block wmkd wove, 5 mm. controls - inscribed J. Morrow	- no numbered copies
RM-219 - Toronto, black, perf 12, on block wmkd wove, 5 mm. controls - inscribed J. Morrow, overprinted Not to cover more than 110 lbs.	- 00540 to 00677

--- Toronto Division - Black - "BOXES" - 1880 ---

--- RM-219 - *recess printed on block wmkd horizontal mesh thick wove* - with 5 mm. blue control numbers ---

--- perf 12 - 60 x 112 mm. - *J. Morrow / Collector I. R* - scanned at 75% scale ---

--- typographed in 3 mm. letters **Not to cover more than 110 lbs.** reading vertically up ---



★RM-219 - BOXES, black, Toronto, perf 12, with 5 mm. blue control **00545**, on *block wmkd horizontal mesh thick wove*, typographed **Not to cover more than 110 lbs.** in 3 mm. Roman letters (reading vertically up)

00037	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00540	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00545★	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00552	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00561	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00564	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00570	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00577	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00589	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00591	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
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00598	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00608★	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00632-33	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00637	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00673	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
00677	RM-219	BOXES, Toronto Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove

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